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In re Application of

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Application No.: 10/590,959 : DECISION ON

PCT No.: PCT/KR2005/000207

Int. Filing Date: 26 January 2005 : PETITION UNDER

Priority Date: 29 January 2004

Attorney Docket No.: Q96860 : 37 CFR 1.137(b)

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This decision is in response to applicant's submission filed 19 October 2006.

## **BACKGROUND**

On 26 January 2005, applicants filed international application PCT/KR2005/000207 which designated the U.S. and claimed a priority date of 29 January 2004. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 11 August 2005. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 31 July 2006 (29 July 2006 being a Saturday).

On 29 August 2006, applicant filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the Basic National Fee, an assertion of small entity status, and a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the application.

On 05 October 2006, a decision was mailed dismissing applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) because the required statement had not been provided.

## **DISCUSSION**

A petition to revive the present application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must include:

- (1) The required reply;
- (2) The petition fee;
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

As to item (1), applicant submitted the basic national fee on 29 August 2006.

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As to item (2), applicant submitted the petition fee on 29 August 2006.

As to item (3), the required statement has now been provided.

A review of the application file reveals that, with the filing of the present petition and accompanying papers, a proper response has been submitted and all of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) for revival have been satisfied and revival is therefore appropriate.

## **CONCLUSION**

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED** for the reasons set forth above.

Please direct further correspondence with respect to this matter to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the application including preparing and mailing a NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) requiring an executed oath or declaration of the inventor in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(h) for filing any of the search fee, the examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of the commencement of the national stage.

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